ISSUE OF WHEAT—DETAILS REGARDING

292. Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) with the issue of the rice ration has the issue of wheat been made compulsory;

(*b*) what is the price fixed for such compulsory quota of wheat;

(*c*) what has been the weekly off-take of rice in the year 1123;

(*i*) after the purchase of wheat by ration card holders have been made compulsory;

(*ii*) before that?

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Minister for Food and Education)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Re. 0—8—4 per edangazhi.

(*c*) 1st week of November 1947—2,155.67 tons.

(*i*) 2nd week 2,631.46 ,,
3rd week 2,414.96 ,,
4th week 1,541.56 ,,

(*ii*)

3rd week of August	—2,056.65	tons.
4th week	2,598.41	,,
1st week of September	—1,895.38	,,
2nd week	2,055.09	,,
3rd week	1,948.73	,,
4th week	2,423.75	,,
1st week of October	—1,638.85	,,
2nd week	2,095.28	,,
3rd week	1,726.61	,,
4th week	2,399.67	,,

Note.—(1) The issue of wheat has been made compulsory with effect from 3rd November 1947 (17th Thulam 1123).

(2) The weekly off-take figures are being collected according to the English calendar. Hence the off-take figures are given above for the weeks corresponding to English months.

(3) The scale of ration was changed often during 1123. Hence the off-take variet in each week. The variation is also due to the compulsory issue of wheat and the harvest periods.

CARS ALLOTTED FOR THE STATE FOR 1946 AND 47—BASIS OF DISTRIBUTION

293. Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many cars have been allotted for the State in 1946 and 1947;

(*b*) how many of them have been received so far;

(*c*) the names of the persons or institutions to whom the cars have been allotted may also be given;

(*d*) the basis on which the distribution has been made;

(*e*) whether new cars have been allotted to person who have already possessed cars if so, the names of such persons may be stated?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Prime Minister)*:

(*a*) 84.

(*b*) All have been received.

(*c*) Please see list "A" appended. (Appendix II)

(*d*) Essential & Urgent nature of the use is the chief basis.

(*e*) Yes. Please see the list "B" appended. (Appendix II)

2. LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS (1) Government Bills—*(cont.)*

(i). The Cochin Co-operative Societies Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. P. Raman Menon *(Advocate-General)*: Sir, I move that the Cochin Co-operative Societies Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Constitutional Adviser)*: I second it, Sir.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Sir, there is a protest from here.

Mrs. Dr. T. Francis *(Ernakulam-Womens)*: Sir, I have agreed to one item only. I raise the objection.....

Mr. President: Order. The agenda is right, because these are the two Bills that have been agreed to be taken up and finally passed today. The others have been posted for the next meeting of the Legislative Council. The Hon'ble lady member was not present.

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